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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (ASPIN, LES)
SUBJECT: CODEL ASPIN

REF: A) STATE 073014, B) BELGRADE 2431, C) STATE 73080

1. CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL IS ECONOMIC OFFICER WILLIAM MONTGOMERY. HOME PHONE (011) 647-219. HE WILL MEET CONGRESSMAN AT THE AIRPORT.

2. WE HAVE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 THE SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR CODEL ASPIN WHICH HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE CONSULATE IN ZAGREB. WE EMPHASIZE THAT THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE ONLY TENTATIVE, AS WE WILL WAIT FOR THE CONGRESSMAN'S COMMENTS BEFORE REQUESTING THEM. THE SCHEDULE APPEARS HEAVIER THAN IT ACTUALLY WILL TURN OUT, AS SOME OF THE APPOINTMENTS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE. THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE VARIOUS REFTELS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE SOLARZ VISIT HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED. UNFORTUNATELY, ANDELMAN OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND ECONOMIST LJUBISA ADAMOVIĆ WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE VISIT. IF THE CONGRESSMAN WISHES, WE CAN TRY TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MICHAEL DOBBS OF THE WASHINGTON POST.

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED SARAJEVO INSTEAD OF NOVI SAD OR
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DUBROVNIK BECAUSE IT IS LOCATED IN AN UNDER-DEVELOPED REPUBLIC AND PRESENTS A GREATER CONTRAST TO BELGRADE AND ZAGREB THAN THE OTHER CITIES. IT ALSO OFFERS A CHANCE FOR A SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM, WHICH DUBROVNIK DOES NOT. HOWEVER, IF ASPIN NEVERTHELESS PREFERS DUBROVNIK WE WILL ARRANGE VISIT THERE (10-12 HOURS BY CAR FROM BELGRADE; 6-8 HOURS FROM ZAGREB). THE DRIVE FROM SARAJEVO TO BELGRADE, WHICH TAKES ABOUT FOUR

HOURS, WOULD GIVE THE CONGRESSMAN AN IMPRESSION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF BOSNIAHERCEGOVINA, BRANKO MIKULIC, IS WELL WORTH MEETING AND WHILE WE CAN'T GUARANTEE IT, THE AMBASSADOR WILL DO HIS BEST TO ARRANGE IT.

4. AS CONGRESSMAN ASPIN WILL BE IN YUGOSLAVIA ON AN UNOFFICIAL BASIS, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS IF HE WISHED TO MEET WITH MILOVAN DJILAS. IF HE IS INTERESTED, THE AMBASSADOR AND ASPIN CAN DISCUSS THE BEST APPROACH UPON HIS ARRIVAL.

5. SUGGESTED PROGRAM FRO CODEL ASPIN.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2:

ARRIVE BELGRADE AT 16:20. MET BY CONTROL OFFICER AND ESCORTED TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. INFORMAL TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED BY DINNER HOSTED BY HIM. OTHER GUESTS WOULD INCLUDE AMBASSADORS OF WEST GERMANY, POLAND, GREAT BRITAIN AND NIGERIA-- ALL OF WHOM ARE CONSIDERED WELL-INFORMED ON YUGOSLAVIA.

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MONDAY, APRIL 3:
MORNING MEETINGS WITH GLIGOROV, LONCAR (UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND GRICKOV (SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) OR SOMEONE OF SIMILIAR PARTY STATURE.

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR WITH LEADING YUGOSLAV JOURNALISTS.

TALKS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS.

DINNER HOSTED BY DCM. GUESTS WILL INCLUDE YUGOSLAVS FROM A VARIETY OF OCCUPATIONS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4:

MORNING VISIT TO THE PKB AGRICULTURAL KOMBINAT (NEAR BELGRADE)
TO DISCUSS SELF-MANAGEMENT AND THE WORKINGS OF THE KOMBINAT.

MEETING WITH GENERAL IVAN KUKOC, REP. OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY
ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS (SOLARZ
MET HIM).

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE DCM. GUESTS WILL INCLUDE
ALEKSANDER LEBL, JOURNALIST SPECIALIZING IN THE ECONOMY,
VOJAN DIMITRIJEVIC, PROF. OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND NEMANJA
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BOZIC, SPECIALIST IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES.

TOUR OF BELGRADE, INCLUDING MILITARY MUSEUM AT KALEMEGDAN.

LEAVE BELGRADE AROUND 17:30 BY AIRPLANE. ARRIVE ZAGREB AROUND
18:30. DINNER HOSTED BY CONSUL GENERAL KAISER WITH VARIOUS
CROATION GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:

CALLS ON A REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL; DUSAN BILANDZIC,
PROFESSOR AND MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LC IN CROATIA
(SOLARZ MET HIM AT KAISER RECEPTION); A VISIT TO AN ENTERPRISE.

LEAVE ZAGREB AROUND 20:00 BY AIRPLANE. ARRIVE SARAJEVO
AROUND 21:00.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6:

SEPARATE MORNING TALKS WITH BRANKO MIKULIC AND AN OFFICIAL
DEALING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA.

TOUR OF SARAJEVO AND LUNCH.

RETURN TO BELGRADE BY AUTOMOBILE. DEPARTING SARAJEVO ABOUT
14:00 AND ARRIVING BELGRADE AROUND 18:00.

DINNER WITH TWO OR THREE EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCLUDING USIS,
AT LOCAL RESTAURANT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7:

DEPART BELGRADE AT 8:45 A.M. FOLLOWING BREAKFAST WITH
THE AMBASSADOR.
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